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SUBJ: REPORTED SOVIET CEMENT SALE TO ISRAEL

REF: STATE 142104

1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO COMPANY INVOLVED IN DEAL, LICENSE TO IMPORT CEMENT FROM SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN ISSUED BY GOI, BUT DEAL WITH SOVIETS HAS NOT YET BEEN AGREED. END SUMMARY

2. UPI REPORT CARRIED IN WASHINGTON POST WAS UNDOUBTEDLY PICKED UP FROM MAARIV OF JULY 18. NUMBERS IN REFTEL ARE FROM THAT SOURCE. MAARIV ADDS THAT COST F.O.B. IS \$28 PER TON, AND C.I.F. \$35 PER TON. LATTER TIMES 100,000 TONS GIVES \$3.5 MILLION. SHIPMENTS OF CEMENT WERE BROUGHT FROM ODESSA IN GIANT GRAIN SHIPS WHICH HITHERTO HAD TO RETURN EMPTY TO UNITED STATES.

3. COMPANY INVOLVED IS AVEERAM, WTDR MAY 12, 1972 A SUBSIDIARY OF AMPA, WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY. OFFICIAL OF FIRM STATED THAT GOI MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MC&I) HAS ISSUED NECESSARY LICENSE TO IMPORT CEMENT FROM SOVIET UNION, AND FIRM IS READY TO BUY; BUT HE DENIED THAT DEAL HAD BEEN AGREED. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT

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TAKE TWO WEEKS BEFORE THIS HAPPENED.

4. DIRECTOR, ECON DEPT, MFA (HARAN), SAID MFA HAD BEEN CONSULTED BY MC&I, AND INTERPOSED NO OBJECTION TO SALE ON CONDITIONS: (A) THAT DEAL WOULD BE DIRECT, WITHOUT INTERMEDIARY, BETWEEN ISRAEL FIRM AND SOVIET ENTITY, AND (B) THAT SOVIETS KNOW THAT CEMENT IS GOING TO ISRAEL. HE BELIEVED THIS DEAL (IF IT COMES OFF) WOULD BE FIRST DIRECT TRADE TRANSACTION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOVIET UNION SINCE 1967 WAR. HARAN THOUGHT THERE HAD BEEN PREVIOUS INDIRECT BUY OF BUILDING IRON FROM SOVIET UNION THROUGH NON-ISRAELI INTERMEDIARY.

5. ISRAEL'S CURRENT SEVERE CEMENT SHORTAGE, WHICH UNDERLIES THIS PROPOSED DEAL, WAS SUBJECT OF TEL AVIV A-202 OF JULY 14. BUTTON

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